

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/760,020

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/21/200.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,7-11,33-37 and 46-52.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 06/09/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election with traverse of 10/21/2004 is acknowledged.

This is not found persuasive because the inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I-III and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I-V has separate utility. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

3. Inventions I and II, III, and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01).

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II,III,V restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

5. Claim 1 has been amended, incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 4.

6. As a result of the amendment to Claim 1, Claim 33 is now a generic claim with respect to claim 1.

7. Claims 4-6 and 38-45 have been canceled by Applicant.

8. New claims 46-52 have been added; the new added claims are supported by specification.

9. The allowable subject matter of claim 5 has been integrated in to new claim 50.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

10. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant Representative Sanders Hillis Reg.No.45,712 on December 13, 2004. Claims 12-32 have been canceled by Examiner .

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 1-3,7-11,33-37 and 46-52 are allowed.

12. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of the record does not teach or suggest a supporting structure for a liquid treatment system, comprising: a housing configured to be mounted at the end of a faucet a hydro-generator disposed within the housing and configured to be rotated by the flow of liquid to generate power for the ultraviolet light source, including inter alia ,a nozzle and only one manifold disposed in the housing the manifold comprising a first passageway configured to channel the flow of liquid to the filter, a second passageway configured to channel the flow of liquid from the filter to the ultraviolet light source and a nozzle keeper configured to engage the nozzle, the nozzle configured to channel the

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flow of liquid from the ultraviolet light source to the hydro-generators as an extruded stream of liquid to induce rotation .

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Iraj A Mohandesi whose telephone number is 571-272-2028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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IM December 13, 2004


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